



Mississippi River State Fish and Wildlife Area (MRA) –
September/October FLOOD UPDATE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND UPDATES:

As a result of Mother Nature and the recent flooding, some of the MRA blinds are still impacted by flood waters. Those areas are Batchtown, Red's Landing, Rip Rap Landing and Mississippi River Blinds. Therefore, in order to address the time constraints and dates listed below, Illinois DNR will inspect the above mentioned blinds, as flood water recede. If at all possible, blind inspection will be completed prior to youth waterfowl season. THE UNREGISTERED BLINDS IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED AREAS will be available in the RED TAG DRAW ONLY. The remainder of the MRA areas will be "business as usual" as it relates to blind inspections and Red Tag Draw availability.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- October 1, Blind Inspections and Red Tag Blind letter to go out to blind builders by Close of Business;
- October 14th RED TAG DRAW (For all Illinois River blinds and UNREGISTERED BLINDS AT BATCHTOWN, RED'S LANDING, RIP RAP LANDING and MISSISSIPPI RIVER BLINDS.

SPECIAL NOTE –Registered blinds at Batchtown, Red's Landing, Rip Rap and Mississippi River Blinds and currently flooded will NOT be included in the draw. Blind inspections will continue and if at all possible will be completed prior to youth waterfowl season.

- October 20 and 21 Youth Waterfowl Season----please seek out a young person(s), neighbor and/or acquaintance and introduce them to our sport!!
- October 21 – concluding youth waterfowl season, no one is permitted into the areas.

Respectfully,

Chris Hesper
Site Superintendent